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Friday, June 17, 2011

The Honorable Lisa Jackson

Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Ariel Rios Building

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Dear Ms. Jackson.

I have been appointed by the South Naknek Tribe to represent them on matters pertaining to the Environmental Protection Agency. (EPA). Currently, the EPA is in the process of conducting a water assessment on the Kvichak and Nushagak Drainages for the purposes of determining if the EPA finds it meritorious to invoke a preemption of large mine development in the Bristol Bay watershed. I am requesting that I be appointed to the Technical Working Group (tribal representation to the EPA during its water assessment). I have commercially harvested salmon in the Kvichak and Nushagak for over 40 years. I am a lifelong subsistence user. I have served 6 years on the State Board of Fisheries developing guidelines and enacting regulations for the management of salmon in Alaska. I was appointed to the board of fisheries because of my experiences with salmon in the Bristol Bay watershed.

I began my adult life as a Council member of the South Naknek Village Council when I was 21 years old. When I was 24 years old, I was elected President of the Tribal Council of South Naknek. I served that position until I moved to Dillingham in 1975 to work as regional director of a nonprofit regional organization. From that position, I moved to Anchorage to gain a broader experience managing federal programs. I worked for the Alaska Federation of Natives first as evaluator of the JOM Program. I served that position for one year and then was promoted to serve as assistant director of AFN Health. I worked there one year and then moved back to Bristol Bay where I became the executive director of the Bristol Bay Native Association for 2 years. From that position, I moved to Anchorage to work as director of the Bristol Bay Native Corporation as director of Shareholder and public relations. I soon became vice

president of Shareholder and Corporate Relations at BBNC and worked at BBNC for 28 years. I retired in 2005.

While working at BBNC, I served on the board of Directors for BBNA and AFN. I served two terms as cochair of the Alaska Federation of Natives and then became chair of the AFN Legislative Committee where I served until 2011. I currently serve as an AFN Legislative Committee Member.

I served on the board of the South Naknek Village Corporation (Qinuyang) since inception in 1973, in 1975; I was elected President of Qinuyang. In 1975, Qinuyang merged with four other village corporations in the region. I served as president until 1979. I then became Secretary of the APC until I was reelected Chair of APC in 2010.

I believe that my lifelong experiences working for Native People and conservation of the resource (Salmon) in Bristol Bay give me the knowledge necessary to make positive contributions to the EPA during their watershed assessment. I urge you to consider my application to serve on the advisory committee.

Sincerely, ()

South Naknek Village Council

Federally Recognized Governing Body for the Native Village of South Naknek Tribe

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March 31, 2011

This letter authorizes Trefon Angasan Jr., a South Naknek Tribal Member, to represent the Native Village of South Naknek also known as the South Naknek Village Council.

This authorization allows Mr. Angasan, to represent us at meetings with agencies and organizations on issues that are of interest to the Native Village of South Naknek.

Further, Trefon Angasan Jr., will represent us with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sincerely,

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